

To: ALA/ALCTS/CCS Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access

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SUBJECT: Optional transcription of series statements in RDA 2.10.1.3

Related documents:

CONSER standard record documentation draft (5/30/07)

<http://www.loc.gov/catdir/cpsd/conserdoc.pdf>

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Background/Rationale

The CONSER standard record was developed to better meet user needs in the digital environment and emphasizes controlled access points over extensive descriptive detail, thereby reducing unessential or redundant elements. The CONSER standard record acknowledges that the controlled access points are the most useful and effective tools in the modern catalog.

Similarly, RDA has made some provision in this direction. For example, the JSC has tentatively decided that the access point for the creator will be a required element, and the statement of responsibility will be an optional element.

Also, discussion of a recommendation similar to this provision was presented by several other CONSER members and myself at CC:DA meetings at ALA Midwinter Meeting in Seattle, WA last January. It was afterwards discussed (CC:DA/PCC/2007/1) and a motion endorsing it was defeated via email. The proposal was not properly and formally presented as a rule revision proposal to CC:DA, but sought to add the proposal as an addendum to the "Access level record for serials: Working Group final report," which had already been forwarded by LC to the JSC for their consideration.

And, when only a controlled access point for the series is included in a bibliographic record, certain information normally recorded in the description—the ISSN and the volume/chronology information indicating when the serial was issued in the series—must be recorded in the controlled access point. Therefore, there will be CONSER initiatives for MARBI proposals that will address this need.

Rule revision proposal:

2.10.1.3 Recording title proper of series

- 2.10.1.3.1 ➤ If the resource is issued in a series, record the title proper of the series following the basic instructions on recording titles given under 2.3.0.

[examples not shown]

- 2.10.1.3.2 ◇ *Optional omission.* In lieu of recording the title proper of the series as a descriptive element, provide a controlled access point for the series title (see 7.7.1.1).

[renumber subsequent instructions]